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SUBJ: ALLEGED EGYPTIAN/SUDANESE PLAN SEND TROOPS TO HORN  
OF AFRICA

REF (A) MOGADISCIO 1098, (B) CAIRO 10956,

1. WHEN WITH SADAT LAST NIGHT, I TOOK OCCASION QUERY REPORT  
OF ALLEGED EGYPTIAN/SUDANESE PLAN TO SEND TROOPS TO SOMALIA.  
WITHOUT ATTRIBUTING REPORT TO ANY SOURCE, I SAID WE HAD  
HEARD STORIES TO THAT EFFECT.

2. SADAT IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED THAT STORY IS BASELESS. HE  
HAD NO INTENTION SEND TROOPS TO SOMALIA, ALTHOUGH HE HAD  
INDEED SENT SOME "INSTRUCTORS" IN CONNECTION WITH EGYPTIAN  
ARMS SENT TO SOMALIA AT PRES SIAD BARRE'S REQUEST. AS WE  
KNEW, HE IS ACTIVELY SUPPORTING SOMALIA IN ITS DISPUTE WITH  
ETHIOPIA, WHICH HAS BECOME SOVIET SURROGATE AND AS SUCH  
THREATENS SUDAN. HE ALSO RECALLED THAT HE HAD SENT MILITARY  
MISSIONS TO VARIOUS TROUBLED AREAS IN AFRICA, NOTABLY ZAIRE  
AND CHAD. HE WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MILITARY ASSISTANCE

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TO ALL MODERATE AFRICAN GOVTS THREATENED BY SOVIET SURROGATES,  
SUCH AS LIBYA OR ETHIOPIA, BUT SUCH ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT  
INVOLVE THE DESPATCH OF LARGE TROOP FORMATIONS. HE DID  
NOT HAVE TROOPS TO SPARE AND, IN ANY CASE, AFTER THE YEMEN  
WAR, EGYPTIAN PUBLIC SIMPLY WILL NOT SUPPORT SUCH DEPLOY-  
MENTS.

3. AS HE HAS IN THE PAST, SADAT STATED THAT THERE ARE TWO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE, SUDAN AND LIBYA. IF SUDAN IS ATTACKED, EGYPTIAN TROOPS WILL BE SENT TO ASSIST NUMAYRI IN REPULSING ATTACK. EGYPT IS DEPENDENT UPON THE NILE, HE EMPHASIZED, AND THE SUDAN MUST THEREFORE BE PART OF EGYPT'S SECURITY FRONTIER. THE OTHER PLACE WHERE EGYPTIAN TROOPS WOULD BE DEPLOYED, IF NEEDED, IS LIBYA. EGYPT CANNOT ACCEPT A SOVIET-DOMINATED LIBYA ON ITS WESTERN BORDER. HE AGAIN RECALLED THAT HE HAD WARNED QADHAFI THAT IF CUBAN MILITARY PERSONNEL APPEAR ON THE LIBYAN/EGYPTIAN BORDER, OPERATING LIBYAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT, HE WOULD CONSIDER THIS AS AN ACT OF WAR.

4. SADAT SEEMED GENUINELY PUZZLED HOW THE STORY OF POSSIBLE EGYPTIAN TROOP DEPLOYMENTS TO SOMALIA MIGHT HAVE ARISEN AND REPEATEDLY INDICATED THAT IT IS WITHOUT FOUNDATION.  
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